

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

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A RESOLUTION to honor Linda Ogle for her induction into the
Tennessee Boys & Girls Clubs Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those intrepid citizens who have dedicated their lives to serving the needs of others and improving the lives of those around them through their many good works; and

WHEREAS, Linda Ogle, a board member of the Boys & Girls Club of the Smoky Mountains, is one such celebrated individual, whose tireless efforts and long history of community service were recently recognized with her induction into the Tennessee Boys & Girls Clubs Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ogle's induction was announced at the Boys & Girls Clubs of America Tennessee Area Council and Tennessee Hall of Fame dinner in Kingsport on September 22, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Area Council consists of more than ninety Club sites across the state, serving approximately 40,000 children annually; and

WHEREAS, Linda Ogle joined the Boys & Girls Club of the Smoky Mountains board in 1997 and proved invaluable in the organization's attempt to raise funds to build a permanent branch in Sevierville; in time, the new branch was constructed, and Ms. Ogle became known as the "Steak and Burger Lady" for her sponsorship of the fundraising event; and

WHEREAS, she was also instrumental in opening a new location in Pigeon Forge in 1998 as well as two branches in Kodak and Gatlinburg on the same day in 2003; and

WHEREAS, while serving as board president of the Boys & Girls Club of the Smoky Mountains in 2015, Ms. Ogle also served as the Pigeon Forge Capital Campaign chair. Under

her leadership, the campaign raised over \$2 million in eleven months; the club's operating support finished with a surplus, and the program posted the highest average daily attendance and frequency of attendance in the organization's history; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her induction into the Tennessee Boys & Girls Clubs Hall of Fame, Linda Ogle received the Boys & and Girls Club Medallion in 2003, and she was named Tennessee Area Council Rookie of the Year in 1998 and Tennessee Area Council Board Member of the Year in 2015; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to helping all children, Ms. Ogle has worked for a number of years mentoring young women through the program "Women of the Round Table"; in 2015, she and other board members created a new program "Lead to Feed," which provides mentoring to children and cooking lessons to board members, and she serves as a longtime participant in the Youth of the Year awards judging process, often accompanying the winner to interviews; and

WHEREAS, since 1997, the Boys & Girls Club of the Smoky Mountains has benefited from the unwavering and tireless support of Linda Ogle, and it is wholly fitting that she be recognized for her many years of community involvement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor Linda Ogle upon her induction into the Tennessee Boys & Girls Clubs Hall of Fame and extend our best wishes for her continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.